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CHILD WELFARE

Government attempting to end hotels as housing

The Manitoba government will continue to use hotel rooms as emergency placements for kids in the child welfare system beyond a promised June 1 deadline.

The government is on track to virtually eliminate hotel use within Winnipeg by the start of next month, Family Services Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross said Thursday. But in some rural and northern areas it is a different story.

"As we were sort of working through our plan, we identified that there are not the same depth of resources in the North,

and that it's going to take us time to meet that goal," she said, adding that the target for those areas is Dec. 1.

Irvin-Ross promised to stop using hotel rooms last fall, shortly after Tina Fontaine, 15, ran away from a downtown hotel where she was housed, and ended up being killed and dumped in the Red River.

Last month, another 15-year-old girl in care was attacked and left clinging to life.

Kids in hotels are often supervised by employees of private contractors and not fully trained social workers.

"Putting children in a hotel is not what we want to do, and it always was the last resort," said Bobbi Pompana, chief executive officer of the regional authority that governs First Nations child welfare agencies across southern Manitoba. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Should people be fined \$500 if they leave their pet in a hot car? One Winnipeg woman thinks so, and thousands of others agree with her. More coverage, **metroNEWS**. THINKSTOCK

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RED RIVER

Selkirk vows to help province combat pesky zebra mussels



Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

The mayor of Selkirk says his city will do whatever it can to help the province in the fight against zebra mussels after the invasive critters were found in the Red River near Selkirk's busy boat launch this spring.

The find marks the first time zebra mussels — which disrupt the food chain and plug up water pipes — have been found outside of Lake Winnipeg, where provincial officials say they arrived from the Great Lakes in 2013.

"Of course we're concerned," Selkirk Mayor Larry Johansson said Thursday.

"We've contacted the province and we will be working with them with a decontamination team at the launch."

The two dead zebra mussels were found stuck to a private dock near Selkirk Park.

Candace Parks, an aquatic invasive species specialist with the province, said they likely had been there since last fall because the dock had been removed over the winter.

She said the fact a citizen found and reported the mus-



Two dead zebra mussels were recently discovered in the Red River and reported to authorities. THINKSTOCK

sels shows the province's plea for help to stop their spread — made again at a news conference Thursday — is hitting home.

"We need people to check for them and report them," she said.

"There's so many lakes in the province of Manitoba," Parks continued. "We need to try and get a handle if they are somewhere else."

Conservation and Water Stewardship Minister Tom Nevaakshonoff acknowledged the mussels are here to stay in Manitoba.

He said the focus now is to keep them from spreading by making sure all watercraft, trailers and water-related gear are cleaned, drained and dried after use, especially after trips into affected waters.

INSECT CONTROL

Caterpillars get the spray

The city will start its fight against forest tent caterpillars this weekend.

The program will treat "very selective" city boulevards, and also focus on parks and cemeteries, as the city said recent tests show caterpillar larvae are feeding on leaves and causing small holes known as "shot-hole damage."

The insect control branch will start spraying trees this Sunday at 9:30 p.m. and

said tree spraying will be

carried out in Insect Management Area 49.

The program will run from 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day until further notice, depending on the weather.

Throughout the program, crews will also work to identify other areas of the city where trees need treatment.

The city said it will give daily updates, telling people where it will be spraying the next day.

Treatment will involve using BTK, a biological, organic product dispensed from high-pressure tree sprayers directly onto trees.

Homeowners can spray their own trees with BTK, available at most home and garden centres, and they are asked to remove any tree bands, as the bands will damage the bark of the tree if left on throughout the summer. METRO

+ SNIFFING OUT PREY

The province added a new tool to its fight against zebra mussels this spring. Two sniffer dogs trained to find the invasive creatures will join Manitoba's six decontamination teams looking to keep the mussels from spreading.



Fauna, one of the province's new sniffer dogs. METRO

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Woman wants fine for pets left in cars

ANIMAL WELFARE

Petition has over 3,000 signatures

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

Rosemarie Gauthier is sick of people leaving pets in hot cars in Winnipeg, and now she's doing something about it.

Gauthier, a 43-year-old River Heights resident, has started a petition that demands people be fined \$500 for leaving pets in vehicles with the windows up on

days that reach 23C or higher.

"Over the years, I've seen people leaving their dogs in cars on hot days, and what you end up seeing is panicked people running around trying to find the owner," said Gauthier.

"And the people trying to be helpful are usually the ones met with a bad attitude and rolled eyes when they do find the owner."

She said she wants people to stop thinking of pets as property.

"People have to remember these animals are helpless. They can't open the door or roll down the window, and if people did this to a child they'd be arrested."

As of Thursday, the petition, which went up on change.org

Tuesday, had more than 3,000 signatures, and growing steadily.

"I've been amazed by the support," said Gauthier. "It's been unbelievable, but why would people not support this?"

She said she is sad imposing a fine could be the only way to fix the problem.

"Many people only learn when it hits their pocketbook."

Gauthier started the petition despite not being a dog owner, although she does have three cats and said she has seen people leave cats in cars as well.

She is not yet sure how long she will keep the petition up, but plans to eventually present the city with her petition and requests.

IN BRIEF

Former cabinet minister, demoted in 2013, to retire

Another Manitoba politician has decided not to run in next year's election. Nancy Allan says that at the age of

62 and after 16 years in the legislature, she feels it is time to retire.

She was dropped from cabinet in 2013 by Premier Greg Selinger and supported

Theresa Oswald in a leadership challenge that Selinger survived earlier this year. Allan says that was not a factor in her decision.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



GARAGE BLAZE FIRE SPREADS ON FARNLEY Firefighters work to put out a fire that started in one garage in the first 100 block of Farnley Place and spread to a neighbouring garage just after midnight Thursday. There were no injuries in the blaze, and a damage estimate isn't yet available. The cause remains under investigation. SHAUN MCLEOD/FOR METRO



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Police say three men, inside this float plane when it crashed into a remote Manitoba lake, were found safely on the shore near the plane, huddled around a camp fire. RCMP/CONTRIBUTED

Three men survive float plane crash

BUSHEY LAKE

Trio suffering from mild hypothermia, police say

Three men were able to escape with their lives when the float plane they were in crashed into a lake in a remote part of Manitoba over the weekend.

Lac du Bonnet RCMP were called around 9:30 p.m. Saturday, about 3-1/2 hours after the three men were scheduled to fly back from a trip to the remote lakes north east of Bissett, Manitoba.

The trio had left out of Lac du Bonnet in a float plane around

8 a.m. that morning.

With help from Manitoba Conservation and CFB Trenton, a search was started around 4 a.m. Sunday and by 5:30 a.m. a Hercules air search found the float plane upside down in Bushey Lake, northeast of Bissett.

The three men could be seen on the shore near the downed plane warming themselves around a small camp fire.

The Hercules hovered over the three men until a float plane was able to pick them up around 9 a.m.

Police say all three were suffering from mild hypothermia when they were rescued.

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada and Air Traffic Control are investigating.

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MEDIA

CBC knocks CJOB off the top spot to claim No. 1 in Winnipeg radio ratings

Winnipeg has a new super station as CBC radio is now the top stop on the dial in Winnipeg, knocking off perennial champion CJOB.

Numeris numbers released Thursday show that CBC holds an 11.9 rating, barely beating CJOB, who hold a 11.5.

CJOB sat at a 12 rating in

the last ratings period.

Numbers were also released for all Winnipeg stations on Thursday, and can be found below.

The most recent numbers measure the period from March 2 to April 26, and numbers in parenthesis show the numbers from the 2014 spring rating period:

- CBC Radio One — 11.9 (11.7)
- 680 CJOB — 11.5 (12.0)
- QX 104 — 9.9 (9.1)
- 103.1 Virgin Radio — 9.0 (7.0)
- 92 CITI FM — 7.9 (7.9)
- 99.9 BOB FM — 6.8 (6.8)
- FAB 94.3 — 5.7 (5.5)
- Kiss 102.3 — 4.6 (6.5 as 102.3 Clear FM)
- TSN 1290 — 4.6 (3.5)
- CHWE 106.1 — 4.1 (4.3)
- CBC Radio 2 — 2.9 (3.5)
- 97.5 BIG FM — 2.2 (4.2 as Power 97)
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Poutine tour coming to 'Peg

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HEALTH MANITOBA TO LIMIT E-CIGARETTE USE A man smokes an electronic cigarette. Manitoba Healthy Living Minister Deanne Crothers says she will introduce a bill in the legislature Monday aimed at protecting people who don't want to be exposed to the vapour. Crothers said the legislation will strike a balance between protecting the public and supporting people who use e-cigarettes as an alternative to tobacco. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Perfumery gets OK to stay in Wolseley

BUSINESS

Hundreds of people sign petition to support owner

Erin DeBooy
For Metro | Winnipeg

Turns out you can fight city hall, after all.

The Wolseley community packed a room in city hall Thursday to rally around perfumery owner Michael O'Malley after a rezoning or-

der threatened to put his shop, La Parfumerie, out of business.

"I would lose my livelihood and Winnipeg will lose the only working perfumery in North America, for reasons I don't truly understand," O'Malley said to the appeals committee, which included Couns. John Orlikow, Jenny Gerbasi and Mike Pagtakhan.

O'Malley opened La Parfumerie out of his home in 1999, at which point city officials said they were fine with the setup. But when a neighbouring business opened, city officials paid O'Malley a visit and told him he no longer fit the guidelines of his zoning permit.

"The last six weeks have been a nightmare."

Michael O'Malley,
Perfumery owner

"The last six weeks have been a nightmare," said O'Malley. "I feel like I have aged five years. I'm emotionally and physically exhausted."

Wolseley residents took turns speaking in support of O'Malley. A petition with 600 signatures was also presented.

At some points, O'Malley

broke down in tears as residents described his life's work as an art form the community can't live without.

After almost six hours of hearing from residents and no opposition, the appeals committee was quick to rule in favour of O'Malley, cancelling the city's order and accepting the appeal.

"It's a good day for Wolseley," said Pagtakhan.

"I am massively grateful to the members of the community," said O'Malley. "I just want to thank my neighbours, and thank the members of the appeal committee for ruling in my favour."

ST. VITAL CENTRE

Armed man's threat led to lockdown

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

The hasty lockdown and subsequent evacuation of St. Vital Centre Wednesday night was executed because of the report of a possibly armed man in the mall, police confirmed Thursday morning.

Police spokesman Const. Eric Hofley said the threat sent a large complement of officers — including the Tactical Support Unit — rushing to the mall around 6 p.m.

After asking all mall employees to lock themselves in their stores, a thorough search of the mall by police found no threat in the shopping centre, Hofley said.

"The mall was cleared and checks were made," he said. "Fortunately, at this point it appears unfounded."

Shoppers were allowed back into the mall about 45

minutes after police arrived.

St. Vital Centre's general manager Cheryl Mazur told Metro Thursday morning the threat was received over the phone at the mall's customer service line.

She said receiving the call the day after Tuesday's shooting at the Walmart in Grand Forks that left two dead including the gunman made the call even more frightening for staff.



"The mall was cleared and checks were made. Fortunately, at this point it appears unfounded."

Const. Eric Hofley

"We took it very seriously," said Mazur, who was out for dinner at the time of the call and rushed back to the mall to help. "Obviously it's always a concern, we saw what hap-

pened in Grand Forks the other day... so that's the first thing that you think of."

Mazur said the mall had systems in place for such threats, and now they're working with police who continue to investigate the call.

AUTOMOTIVE

Brandon man first Canuck to lead AAA

A Brandon man has been elected chairman of the American Automobile Association — the first Canadian to ever hold the position.

Don Main was elected at the AAA annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. Main, who is the president of Main Group Inc. and former chairman of CAA Manitoba, will serve for two one-year terms.

"Don Main has played an important role in supporting the growth of our association — for both CAA Manitoba and CAA National," said Mike Mager, president and CEO of CAA Manitoba. "We have been honoured to have Don's expertise over the years. AAA will certainly benefit from his extensive knowledge and experience."

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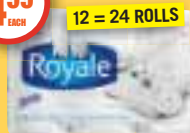
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Zehaf Bibeau exhorted others to attack: Sources

PARLIAMENT HILL SHOOTING

Unreleased video clips taken before shots fired

As calmly as Michael Zehaf Bibeau laid out the reasons for his fateful attack on Parliament Hill last October, he exhorted others to carry out similar attacks, say sources familiar with the unreleased portion of his final video manifesto.

The missing video segments also include Zehaf Bibeau mentioning a number of Middle Eastern names, none of which appear to be linked to the Oct. 22 shooting rampage.

The details come from two sources who spoke to The Canadian Press about the video, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the contents of the portions that have yet to be made public.

They say during the missing 18 seconds, the 32-year-old Zehaf Bibeau calls on others to carry out attacks against countries such as Canada.

The sources say those named in the video do not appear to have played a role in Zehaf Bibeau's attack and it's not clear if investigators have been able to identify them.

Zehaf Bibeau recorded the video in his car moments before the deadly rampage, which claimed the life of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and ended his own in a hail of gunfire in-



Michael Zehaf Bibeau is shown carrying a gun while running toward Parliament Hill on Oct. 23, 2014. Speaker Andrew Scheer said his office is finalizing what portions of a highly detailed report will be released to the public. RCMP/THE CANADIAN PRESS

side the Parliament building's Centre Block.

RCMP commissioner Bob Paulson has said investigators had "sound operational" reasons for keeping the 18-second portion of the video secret when the other 55 seconds were released nearly three months ago.

The redacted portions included 13 seconds at the start of the video and five seconds at the end. The sources did not specify which portions contained what information.

As to why the RCMP withheld part of the video, the RCMP wanted to ensure there were no hidden messages contained in it, the sources said. Investigators pored over every frame of the video, which was found on Zehaf Bibeau's cell phone inside the unlocked car he drove to Parliament Hill.

In the portion of the video Canadians have already seen, Zehaf Bibeau stares calmly into the camera. He talks in an even tone, his eyes darting around, as he sits in his car in

a parking lot steps away from Ottawa police headquarters.

He says the actions he's taking are a response to Canada's military involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We are retaliating, the mujahedeen of this world," Zehaf Bibeau says.

"Canada's officially become one of our enemies by fighting and bombing us and creating a lot of terror in our countries and killing us and killing our innocents."

Paulson said earlier this

\$6.5M

The Commons is spending an extra \$6.5 million this fiscal year to pay for new security measures around Parliament Hill, according to Speaker Andrew Scheer.

week the RCMP would release the remaining video this week or next, along with an Ontario Provincial Police report into the actions of the Mounties on Parliament Hill on the day of the shooting.

Next week, the House of Commons plans to release a review of how security personnel responded to Zehaf Bibeau once he got inside the Centre Block.

Speaking to a Commons committee Thursday, Speaker Andrew Scheer said his office is finalizing what portions of the highly detailed report will be released.

"A report that includes names of security personnel, names of constables, where people were standing at what time, and where resources were deployed, some of that information would — it would not be appropriate to release that," Scheer said.

"It would do far more damage to security than enhancements. So, we're currently in the process of deciding the best way to make that public."

Scheer told the committee the redacted version given to the public would be the same version provided to MPs.

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LEGISLATION

Tampon tax nixed

Tampons will be a little cheaper as of Canada Day now that the Conservative government is moving to exempt feminine hygiene products from GST.

The House of Commons unanimously adopted an NDP-sponsored motion calling for the change earlier this month — a motion that passed after women in the Conservative caucus threatened to boycott the vote if their party didn't approve.

Opponents of the tax have long decried it as being entirely discriminatory, as it is only paid by women, and on an essential product, while other goods deemed as luxuries escape the levy altogether.

Conservative MP Michelle Rempel called the change in line with the government's lower-tax policies. The NDP suggested another explanation — it's an election year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

New ban aims to support transgender individuals

A political roadblock that imperiled NDP MPP Cheri DiNovo's landmark legislation to ban transgender "conversion therapy" has been cleared.

"This means that right away the message gets sent to children across the province that what many of them are still undergoing isn't okay and that ... we are all on their side ... all political parties," the Parkdale—High Park MPP said.

DiNovo's Affirming Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Act will ban doctors from billing OHIP for counselling gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered patients to change sexual orientation or gender identity. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Defiant FIFA chief resists calls to resign

ELECTION

Blatter pledges to restore trust in soccer body amid scandal

As defiant as ever, Sepp Blatter resisted calls to resign as FIFA president Thursday and deflected blame for the massive bribery and corruption scandal engulfing soccer's world governing body.

"We, or I, cannot monitor everyone all of the time," Blatter said in his first public remarks on the crisis that has further tainted his leadership on the eve of his bid for a fifth term as president.

The 79-year-old Blatter insisted he could restore trust in world soccer after a pair of corruption investigations brought "shame and humiliation" on his organization and the world's most popular sport.

"We cannot allow the reputation of football and FIFA to be dragged through the mud any

longer," he said. "It has to stop here and now."

Despite a tide of criticism and pressure on him to leave, Blatter is moving ahead with a presidential election Friday that is likely to bring him another four years in office as one of the most powerful men in sports.

"The events of yesterday have cast a long shadow over football," he said, his voice shaky at times, in a speech to open FIFA's two-day congress. "There can be no place for corruption of any kind."

Blatter refused to back down after European soccer body UEFA demanded earlier Thursday that he quit following the latest — and most serious — allegations to discredit FIFA during his 17 years in office.

"Enough is enough," UEFA President Michel Platini said. "People no longer want him anymore and I don't want him anymore either." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



For more on the FIFA scandal, see pages 12 and 23



FIFA President Sepp Blatter, front right, speaks at the opening ceremony of the FIFA congress in Zurich, Switzerland, Thursday. The FIFA congress with the president's election is scheduled for Friday. WALTER BIERI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIA HEAT WAVE

Monsoons can't come soon enough

Eating onions, lying in the shade and splashing into rivers, Indians were doing whatever they could Thursday to stay cool during a brutal heat wave that has killed more than 1,400 in the past month.

But some had no choice but to venture into the heat. "Either we have to work, putting our lives under threat, or we go without food," farmer Narasimha said in badly hit Andhra Pradesh state.

Meteorological officials have said the heat would likely last several more days — scorching crops, killing wildlife and endangering anyone labouring outdoors. Officials warned people to stay out of the sun, cover

their heads and drink plenty of water. Still, poverty forced many to work despite the risks.

Most of the 1,412 heat-related deaths so far have occurred in Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring Telangana, where temperatures have soared up to 47 degrees Celsius, according to government figures.

"The rains which have eluded us for the last couple of years have created serious drought conditions," said state minister K.T. Rama Rao in Telangana.

"This is unprecedented ... so there is a little bit of panic," he said. "Hopefully we will receive rain very, very soon."

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IN BRIEF

22 people 'may have been exposed' to anthrax

Human error probably was not a factor in the U.S. Army's mistaken shipment of live anthrax samples to numerous U.S. government and commercial laboratories in the United States and in South Korea, the Army's top

general said Thursday. Gen. Ray Odierno told reporters the problem may have been a failure in the technical process of inactivating anthrax samples. U.S. officials at Osan Air Base in South Korea said 22 people "may have been exposed" to the live anthrax. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Young bear spends day wandering city



A yearling black bear stands up against the side of a house Wednesday afternoon in Casper, Wyo.

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CASPER, WYOMING

Exhausted yearling black bear captured for relocation

After leading wildlife officials on a daylong chase through a Wyoming city, an exhausted young black bear fell asleep under a tree.

"He was sleeping under an aspen tree just wiped out from his day's adventures," State Game and Fish spokeswoman Janet Milek told the Casper Star-Tribune newspaper.

"He was so sound asleep he didn't move when we used the tranquilizer," she said.

Game wardens captured the bear around 6:45 p.m. Wednesday after authorities tried several times to corner it in Casper. It was initially spotted at 6:30 a.m.

People watched from their

back porches as the animal hopped fences, and police blocked off streets to allow wardens to track the animal.

At some homes, officers joined residents on their porches and peered through binoculars in search of the bear.

It's not uncommon for young bears to wander through the Wyoming towns of Glenrock of Casper, especially in subdivisions close to Casper Mountain.

Regional wildlife co-ordinator Justin Binfet says the bear probably came down from Casper Mountain. The bear will be released, wildlife officials said.

"The vast majority of the time, these are yearling bears that the mother forces out on their own," Binfet said.

"In these situations, it's a scared little yearling black bear, and it wound up in an unfamiliar place. It's more scared than anything."

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In this 2012 photo, a bronze sculpture of Lucille Ball is displayed in Lucille Ball Memorial Park in her hometown village of Celoron, N.Y. THE POST-JOURNAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

I LOVE LUCY

'Scary Lucy' statue will be replaced

A businessman has donated \$20,000 to replace an infamous statue of comedian Lucille Ball that's located in her western New York state hometown.

The Post-Journal of Jamestown reports officials in the village of Celoron announced this week that Ernie Boch Jr. of Norwood, near Boston, had donated the funds to purchase a new statue.

Boch, president and CEO of Subaru of New England, said he made the donation

because he loved Lucille Ball and is a big fan of her 1950s television show, I Love Lucy.

The life-size bronze in Lucille Ball Memorial Park drew international attention last month when a Facebook posting called for replacing what has been dubbed "Scary Lucy" because its face bears little resemblance to the star.

The village board has agreed to give that statue to the National Comedy Center in neighbouring Jamestown.

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Mushroom pickers eyeing epic harvest

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Record forest fires sparks hope of high morel yield

Campgrounds are full and cars are lined up along a remote section of highway near Kakisa in the Northwest Territories, as residents and southern workers gather for what they hope will be a bumper harvest of a rare delicacy — the morel mushroom.

The territorial government has been promoting the harvest for months as a fleeting but lucrative opportunity in the bush, suggesting hundreds of dollars a day are there literally for the picking. Others warn it's a risky venture.

"There are no guarantees," said John Colford of the N.W.T.'s Department of Industry, Trade and Investment. "But if the mushrooms do arrive, there are opportunities."

Rich, earthy-tasting morels, which pop out of soil burned over by forest fires the previous season, are prized by chefs worldwide. The wrinkly, honeycombed fungi are widely picked across North America, but have only recently been harvested in the N.W.T.

After a record 3.4 million hectares of the territory's forest burned in 2014, hopes are high for an epic yield.

Handbooks passed out at information sessions suggest pickers have made anywhere from \$200 to \$1,000 a day. The territory said the total value



The Northwest Territories government is promoting the morel mushroom harvest as a fleeting but lucrative opportunity. GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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John Colford of the N.W.T.'s Department of Industry, Trade and Investment

of last year's 40-day harvest was between \$6 million and \$10 million.

This year could easily match that, said Colford. Prices in the field currently sit at around \$16 a kilogram.

The action is expected to

start over the next week or so, starting in the south and heading north.

The work is hot, dirty, buggy and swampy, said Dylan Gordon, a University of Toronto anthropologist who's writing his thesis on wild food harvesters.

"You do a lot of walking - 20, 30 kilometres a day through the bush."

The money is uncertain. If there's no rain, the mushrooms don't show. If there's too much, oversupply depresses prices.

Gordon estimates he made about \$100 a day harvesting in 2012 — a poor year.

But it's not all about the money. Mushrooms can give northern families a chance to get out on the land together.

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AUTO INDUSTRY

Faulty airbags lead to a massive recall

Transport Canada has released a detailed list of vehicles being recalled in Canada due to faulty airbags made by Japan's Takata Corp., saying 1.2 million vehicles in this country are part of the worldwide recall.

The list of vehicles was posted online and includes the Honda Civic, Accord, and CR-V, Chrysler products, including the Dodge Ram and the Chrysler 300, BMW sedans and the X5, and Ford's Ranger and Mustang. The majority of the affected models are from the 2001 to 2011 model years, al-

though more recent Ford Mustang models are also affected.

The full list of the 1,242,111 vehicles included in the expanded recall can be found on Ottawa's HealthyCanadians.ca website, while a list of affected models in older recalls for the same issue can be found on Transport Canada's website.

The recall began in 2008 over concerns that airbag inflators can explode with too much force, spewing metal shrapnel into drivers or passengers when deployed.

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IN BRIEF

Bank rethinks support

Scotiabank, which in December became the title sponsor of CONCACAF's Champions League and official sponsor of the Gold Cup, says it will review its involvement in sponsoring the soccer organization in the wake of corruption allegations against senior FIFA officials. "We are deeply disturbed by these allegations involving CONCACAF officials," Scotiabank said in a statement Thursday. "We have zero tolerance for these types of actions."

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metroview

Being Catholic is like being American: an easy butt of jokes

I don't lack reasons to be embarrassed: shiny forehead, very loud voice, a sometimes uptight nature.

Some days, I even have the bonus of being Catholic. It's a bit like being an American — you're an easy butt of jokes.

The Vatican can't go long without sparking controversy, and the pope (any pope) can't go long without inflaming the global public.

Such was the case this week. After Ireland legalized same-sex marriage in a historic referendum, a senior Vatican official said: "I think that you cannot just talk of a defeat for Christian principles but of a defeat for humanity."

How ridiculous, and (perhaps inevitably) aggrandizing. A defeat for humanity is worsening climate change. A defeat for humanity is nuclear war. Even if you don't support same-sex marriage (I do), allowing it doesn't come with such dire consequences.

That's far from my first, or likely last, embarrassment.

Last month, Pope Francis defended women's rights, while completely ignoring the deeply ingrained patriarchy of the church. He's also warned Catholics they don't need to "breed like rabbits." Thanks for the tip.

And that's not to mention the church's horrific sexual abuse scandal or the corruption and infighting revealed in the document dump

known as Vatileaks.

The Vatican can seem like it's aging out of relevance, obsessed with old rules over modern reality. It seems like an echo from another century.

That's why Pope Francis' election felt liberating. He's humble, focused more on poverty than abortion.

He is a bit like President Barack Obama. Both leaders came in on the winds of change and replaced staunch right-wing leaders.

Since both took office, their supporters have suffered disappointments. Yes, Pope Francis' gay-friendly, pro-environment stance gives me hope. Yes, Obama passed universal health care. But change hasn't been dramatic or instant under either leader. Both also have many opponents within their own ranks. Obama doesn't speak for all Americans. The Vatican doesn't speak for all Catholics.

Take Diarmuid Martin. The Archbishop of Dublin saw Ireland's referendum as a criticism of Catholicism, not of humanity.

"We have to stop and have a reality check, not move into denial of the realities," he told media.

They're not a ringing endorsement of equality — Martin does not want the church's definition of marriage changed — but his words are, at least, not embarrassing.

Happy face/Sad face

From **digital demons** to **Inuit archives**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



True North strong and free?

According to American middle schoolers, the Canadian national anthem needs some revision. On a standardized civics test of 29,000 Grade 8 students, one-third answered that Canada, Australia and France "are controlled by the military," "discourage citizen participation" or "have leaders with absolute power." The correct multiple-choice response was that all three countries have power-limiting constitutions. CBC.ca



Reward offered for Syria's loneliest bird

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has been blamed for yet another atrocity: the possible extinction of a rare bird in Palmyra, Syria. It's home to the only wild northern bald ibis outside of Morocco, a female named Zenobia who hasn't been seen since 2013. When Palmyra fell to ISIL, guards protecting three captive ibises — part of a conservation effort — fled. A Lebanese charity has offered \$1,000 for info about Zenobia's whereabouts. BBC.com



Charlie, Charlie, gravity is spookoo

A freaky fad stole social media's soul this week. The Charlie Charlie Challenge originated as a Mexican playground game. To play, you cross two pencils on a piece of paper marked with "yes" and "no," say "Charlie, Charlie," and ask a question. If "Charlie" is there, the pencils will move and indicate an answer. The game purportedly summons a traditional Mexican "demon" named Charlie — though no such legend exists. THE NATIONAL POST



Nameless in the North no more

Black-and-white photos with grim faces and no names take on new meaning when they're part of someone's story. A tool has launched to help Inuit families search Library and Archives Canada's online trove of pictures from Canada's North, some a century old or more. The crowd-sourced Project Naming, which is also launching on Facebook, asks people to identify loved ones and ancestors to help keep indigenous history alive. CBC NORTH

Butter and eggs bust out after years in the cooler

THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



I read an article this week about a recent study that says pedalling backward in a cycle-fit class is "better exercise" than pedalling forward. The news depressed me. That might not sound as depressing as some of the other stuff that's going on in the world — like global warming or war or the fact that Josh Dugger from 19 Kids has "made some very bad mistakes" — but to me it was an exhausting tidbit of information.

I find most things that follow the phrase "according to a recent study" irritating, because they often undermine something I thought I was doing right. Like, I take cycle-fit sometimes and, when I do,

I pedal forward. While I used to pat myself on the back for trying to stay active, now I'll be thinking, "Forward pedalling? Pfft. What a loser."

Sure, if I saw the headline "Study finds poutine to be high in calories," I wouldn't be mad. I never eat poutine and think, "Good for you, Rebecca!" (If I'm eating poutine, I'm probably too drunk to think — am I right, folks?)

But so many studies tell me that a good thing I'm doing could be better. It's as if every headline I read is something a passive-aggressive character would say in the movie Mean Girls: "Oh, you eat red apples? Cool. Green ones actually have fewer calories."

I'm aware that studies are important and have led to such societal improvements as cures for diseases. We need studies, I totes get it. But also,

like, shut up, you know?

Because here's the other thing about many study findings: Later studies prove them wrong. Take the other new study I read this week, which found eggs and butter aren't that bad for us after all. This after years of "Butter will kill you. Egg yolks are bad. I'm going to irritate this waitress and order an egg-white omelette." Reading the new study, I pictured egg and butter as a couple of wrongly convicted criminals, walking free from prison after being exonerated. Toast was there (he's on probation) leaning up against a car, waiting to drive them straight into my stomach.

I don't know whether it's that they're doing more studies today or that the Internet just likes to smear the studies all over my eyeballs, but I wish there was an app that

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could block them.

Because, let's face it, in a few years, studies will probably find that pedalling backward turns you into a witch.

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RETROSPECTIVE

People forget, but this isn't director's only criticized film

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



For years Cameron Crowe could do no wrong. As the screenwriter of *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (based on his book of the same name) and director of *Say Anything* and *Singles*, he became what *The New York Times* called, “a cinematic spokesman for the post-baby boom generation.”

His biggest hit, *Jerry Maguire* was a romantic comedy that gave Renée Zellweger a career, Cuba Gooding Jr. an Oscar and us the catchphrase, “Show me the money!”

Then came his acknowledged masterpiece *Almost Famous*, the semi-autobiographical story of a young music journalist on the road with a band at an age when most kids still had a curfew.

He was a critical darling with box-office clout but then came a string of films that failed to connect with audiences.

This weekend he's back with *Aloha*, an “action romance” starring Bradley Cooper as a military contractor stationed with the U.S. Space program in Honolulu who reconnects with a past love (Rachel McAdams) while developing feelings



Aloha isn't the only not-amazing movie Cameron Crowe ever made, Richard Crouse reminds us. HANDOUT

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

San Andreas ★
Aloha ★★
I'll See You in My Dreams ★★★★★
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for a stern Air Force watchdog (Emma Stone).

Pre-release, the film may be

best known as the subject of a brutal Amy Pascal email.

In the Sony hack, leaked cor-

respondence from the former SPE co-chairman suggested she was not happy with the movie.

“I don’t care how much I love the director and the actors,” she said, “it never, not even once, ever works.”

Variety recently reported that the film has been recut since Pascal’s scathing review and quotes a current Sony executive as saying, “Is it *Say Anything* or *Jerry Maguire*? Probably not, but

is it a really entertaining movie for an audience? Yes, it is.”

Moviegoers will decide the fate of *Aloha*, but its release begs for a reassessment of Crowe’s recent, less successful films.

A remake of the Spanish film *Open Your Eyes*, 2001’s *Vanilla Sky* starred three of Hollywood’s hottest stars of the moment, Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz and Penelope Cruz in a dark

thriller about a self-obsessed playboy whose life is turned upside down after reconstructive surgery on his face.

The surreal blend of romance and sci-fi threw critics off, but a another viewing a decade after its release reveals a daring movie that examines regret, desire and mortality.

An enjoyable darkly comic romance, *Elizabethtown* got trounced by critics (it currently sits at 28 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes) but is a great showcase for star Kirsten Dunst.

She is frequently good in films, but here she really steals this movie as the cute and kooky stewardess who has several unforgettable moments — when she tells Bloom (Orlando Bloom) to stop trying to break up with her and her giggly reaction when Bloom asks her a personal question on the telephone.

Without her performance the trip to *Elizabethtown* wouldn’t be nearly as much fun.

Finally, *We Bought a Zoo*, the story of a widower who swallows his grief by buying a zoo and finding love, shouldn’t work. It’s too sentimental and manipulative by half, but luckily Matt Damon is there to ground the flighty story.

A postscript (and no, I’m not going to tell you what it is) that even Steven Spielberg would find schmaltzy, works because star Damon hits all the right notes and Crowe’s dialogue sings. A father-and-son argument is a showstopper and you’ll likely never use the word “whatever” again without thinking of this movie.



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The Rock takes on Mother Nature

SAN ANDREAS

Dwayne Johnson plays the hero in disaster flick

Ned Ehrbar
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Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson recently received a letter from a big-name fan, and it’s been making him think back a lot to his childhood. “When I was 8 years old, I saw *Raiders of the Lost Ark* in Charlotte, North Carolina. I walked out of there so inspired. I loved the movie and I knew I wanted to be that guy — charming, cool, kicks ass, cool with the ladies — but I had no connection to Hollywood. So to be sitting here today, I’m grateful and very happy,” Johnson says.

“And I received a letter from that gentleman who directed *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Very cool. He reached out and he said a lot of cool, motiv-

ating things.”

Johnson is in the midst of promoting *San Andreas*, a Hollywood action flick in which he plays a Los Angeles Fire Department rescue pilot facing off against the biggest earthquake in California history. It’s not exactly Indiana Jones, but he clearly overcame that whole no-connection-to-Hollywood thing.

For Johnson, even when making a big, loud summer action spectacle, it’s important that the science is right. And even though U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones heavily criticized the film after being invited by the studio to see it — “Bottom line: Don’t learn seismology from ‘*San Andreas*,’” she tweeted — Johnson insists that as far as he knows everything on screen passes muster.

“We had the best seismologists, top scientists and earthquake scientists from CalTech and USC pore over the script, challenge the script and then ultimately walk away from it saying, ‘This could happen. We hope it doesn’t, but it could happen,’” he insists.

And, of course, serious earthquakes did recently occur on the other side

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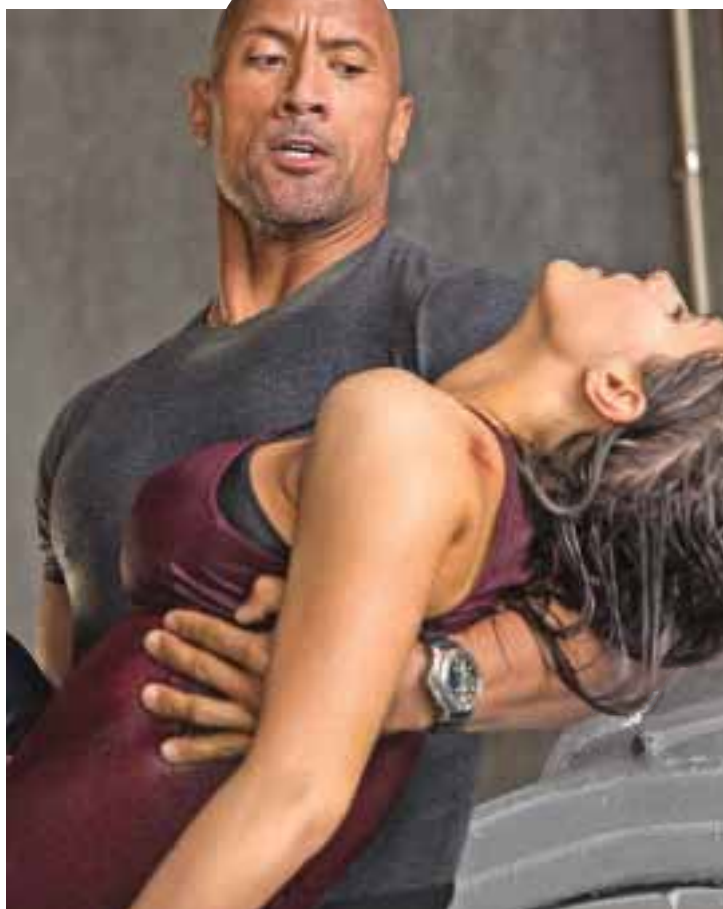
You go into a project like this with everything you’ve got — your heart and your soul — and you just want to make a good movie.

Dwayne ‘The Rock’ Johnson

of the world in Nepal. And that kind of front-and-centre current event can make turning natural disaster into big-screen entertainment a dicey prospect.

“We made the movie knowing and understanding the content of it. These things happen,” Johnson says.

“It was so unfortunate, incredibly unfortunate. Our prayers and thoughts continue to go out to everybody in Nepal and everybody who was affected by that. But, you know, the truth is you go into a project like this with everything you’ve got — your heart and your soul — and you just want to make a good movie.”



It's The Rock to the rescue in *San Andreas*, out this weekend. JASIN BOLAND

ALEXANDRA DADDARIO

‘You have to be crazy to be an actor’

While busy promoting *San Andreas*, her new Dwayne Johnson-led disaster film, actress Alexandra Daddario casually mentions she’s “a 29-year-old,” causing more than a few double-takes. Daddario plays Johnson’s college-age daughter in the film, and elsewhere, she says, she’s rarely asked to act her age.

You’re 29. That’s kind of surprising. Do people often not believe you?

Um ... yeah. I have discovered as I near my 30s that I still play young and that I still go out for younger roles, and I think that’s a good thing, I guess. But also I like being 29 because I’ve found a strength within myself that I didn’t have when I was younger.

Speaking of strong characters, you’re playing a very capable, heroic young woman here.

There’s a lot of discussion about women’s roles in Hollywood and “strong female characters,” and I think that what it was for me was a discovery that I am strong — I don’t need to pretend to be strong. I don’t need to be anything other than I am. We are, in a way, all the same. We are strong. It’s just about you don’t need to do it in a



Alexandra Daddario.
JASIN BOLAND

false way or in a way that feels contrived.

This film aside, are you still finding it hard to get scripts that don’t give female characters short shrift?

Yeah. I read a lot of scripts and see a lot of different characters, and I think that the statistics are interesting. There are still fewer leading roles for women than there are for men, but that’s changing. And I think that it’s important that we’re having the discussion, and that

we’re getting more women in the director’s chairs and as producers. I work with more and more women every film I do, and that’s very exciting.

This film calls for you to play terrified for an extended period of time. What’s the muscle for that and how exhausting is it?

It can be very exhausting, but it’s sort of therapeutic in a way. I’ve done a lot of films where you have to maintain a level of hysteria for long periods of time, and it can be very exhausting, but I think once you get yourself to that point, it’s easy to tap into. Your body sort of gets tricked into thinking that something is terribly wrong, and if you can get yourself to that point then it’s easier to cry and get hysterical on a dime.

It doesn’t sound like the healthiest thing to do to your body.

You know, you have to be crazy to be an actor, but it’s sort of fun. We always, as human beings, are trying to keep ourselves under control and be completely mature and responsible, and it’s nice to just be like, “F— it.” Like, whatever’s bothering me, I can just let go of it right now.

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THE TV DINNER
Jessica Allen


Besides being film luminaries, what do Marilyn Monroe, Greta Garbo and Elizabeth Taylor have in common? They all once lived at the Sunset Tower in West Hollywood. So, too, did John Wayne. He even kept a cow on his terrace so he could provide guests with fresh milk.

I was craving a taste of old Hollywood — both literally and figuratively — when I recently visited Los Angeles. So I called the art deco tower, now a hotel, home for two luxurious nights. If only those walls could talk.

The walls of the Frolic Room, one decorated by the New York caricaturist Al Hirschfeld, seem to whisper of the bar's glory days from the 1930s. It eventually morphed into "Holly-

wood's best dive bar," according to LA Weekly, and "one of the only places (screenwriter Charles) Bukowski obsessives agree that he actually haunted."

Longtime bartender Gita Bull, who probably served Bukowski himself, served me my \$6 drink. Rumour has it that she brings in egg salad sandwiches from home for those that might need to line their stomachs. As James Brown played, about a dozen locals drank their pints and sipped their Jack.

Just down the street on Hollywood Boulevard, in front of John Barrymore's star, is Hollywood's oldest restaurant Musso & Frank Grill, where the servers wear red jackets with black lapels and bow ties. I sat at the bar in order to watch chef Indolfo, who has been manning the charcoal grill for 31 years. What I couldn't see was a kitchen chit. When Indolfo swung by to ask how my steak was (perfect), I asked him how he kept all the orders straight. "It's all up here," he said, pointing to his head.

Who says you can't have a Reuben for breakfast? Nobody

at Canter's Deli on North Fairfax. The art deco room looks cinematic; no wonder it's featured in movies and TV. Regulars know staff members by name. But you don't have to be a regular for the staff to call you "honey." I overheard my server telling a patron about some of the notables who'd visited — Diana Ross, President Obama. Nicholas Cage apparently met his first wife here.

Right before I checked out of the Sunset Tower, I took one last peek into the Tower Bar, where Hollywood's most illustrious movers and shakers come to unwind, thanks in large part to the no-photo policy. Hotel ambassador Tim Cunningham had earlier walked me through the space, which was Bugsy Siegel's old apartment, and pointed out the photographs of long-gone vaudevillians that line the walls. Most had never really made it. But in a way, Cunningham said, considering who sits in this room night after night, they finally had.

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The Sunset Tower in West Hollywood was once home to many a starlet. PHOTOS BY JESSICA ALLEN; STARLET PHOTOGRAPHS: FILE PHOTOS

Now playing


ACTION/COMEDY

Aloha

Director: Cameron Crowe
Starring: Bradley Cooper, Emma Stone

Bradley Cooper stars as a defence worker who teams up with a pilot (Emma Stone) to stop a satellite launch in this romantic comedy from Cameron Crowe. Rachel McAdams co-stars.


ACTION & ADVENTURE

San Andreas

Director: Brad Peyton
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island's Brad Peyton steps into disaster movie territory with this 3D film surrounding an earthquake that hits the West Coast. Carlton Cuse provides the script.


SCI-FI/FANTASY

Tomorrowland

Director: Brad Bird
Starring: George Clooney, Hugh Laurie

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TV's lame riffs on old films

NETWORK TREND

Movie-based shows that make TV extra unoriginal this fall

Brian Gasparek
For Metro Life

When did TV get so unoriginal? Aside from a handful of cable gems, the majority of popular shows these days revolve around repetitive competitions, countless superhero shows, formulaic reality TV and a heck of a lot of pawning. And sadly, after glancing at the lineup of shows that are set to debut later this year, it looks like TV about to get even less original thanks to a new trend.

Following in the footsteps of *The Odd Couple* from earlier this year, four of the biggest TV shows premiering this fall are all lifting their premise directly from old movies. This trend of reusing films to create new show ideas seems to be the latest form of creative apathy that's plaguing the big three networks. And whether we like the trend or not, it's happening. Sigh.

Here's a look at the four big movie-based shows premiering this fall and why we really don't need them.



Rush Hour

CBS is cranking out a *Rush Hour* show based on the dreadfully unfunny buddy cop films starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. Although none of the three *Rush Hour* films were well received by critics, they still somehow made a ton of cash.

Rush Hour's premise will just mimic the films, but the less expensive Jon Foo and Justin Hires will replace Chan and Tucker. *Rush Hour*'s film director and movie-disaster mastermind Brett Ratner will be producing the show, which should ensure a similar quality to the films. Lucky us. We get more bad jokes with less star power. Perfect.



Minority Report

Fox is hoping it can flip 2002's Steven Spielberg/Tom Cruise big money blockbuster *Minority Report* in a prime-time TV hit.

The show will be based in the film's world, revolving around a detective and a "pre-cog" that solve weekly crimes together. Wait, doesn't that just sound like *Bones* in the future? Snooze.

With a TV-sized budget, Fox's bad sci-fi track record and the show's played-out sounding premise, there's no possible way this show can live up to the movie's hype with fans. So why bother?



Limitless

CBS is actually recycling two films. In addition to *Rush Hour*, the network will turn Bradley Cooper's 2011 sci-fi movie *Limitless* into a show. In all fairness, this one may have some potential.

Produced by Cooper, the show stars Jake McDorman as a new NZT drug addict who uses his enhanced brainpower to help the FBI crack cases. Cooper will reprise his film role as Eddie Morra in several episodes.

Jadedness aside, *Limitless* might be more of a film continuation on television than just a recycled idea. Maybe it's worth a shot?



Uncle Buck

This is absolutely the worst idea. ABC's *Uncle Buck* is a cheesy sounding family sitcom named after John Candy's 1989 classic comedy. The show has nothing to do with the film, aside from the fact it features an uncle named "Buck" (played by Mike Epps) that moves in with his brother and looks after his kids.

The worst part about the show is that it's being produced by the guys that made *MadTV*. Oh boy. Epps and the *MadTV* guys butchering a classic for no apparent reason. At least call it something else. Poor John Candy is rolling over in his grave.

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Walk Off the Earth singer Sarah Blackwood with her partner Gianni Nicassio and their son Giorgio. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Singer kicked off flight over crying baby

SARAH BLACKWOOD
Airline cites safety concerns in removal of pregnant mom

Walk Off the Earth singer Sarah Blackwood says she wants compensation and an apology after being kicked off a United Airlines flight because her young child was being fussy.

The Burlington, Ont.-based musician, who is seven months pregnant, said it happened while she and her nearly two-year-old son were on a United plane operated by regional carrier SkyWest Airlines on Wednesday.

They were on the tarmac to fly from San Francisco to Vancouver. Her son is still considered an infant by the airline's standards and therefore was able to sit in her lap free of charge.

Before leaving the gate, her son was tired and was "crying really loud and squirming," said Blackwood.

That's when a flight attendant told her: "You have to control your child."

"The only thing I can do to stop him from moving around is hold him with my arms, which was what I was doing," Blackwood said in a telephone interview on Thursday.

"I said, 'OK, yeah, absolutely.' ... I would never refuse to do anything on an airplane," she added, noting she's on tour with the band and frequently flies to perform.

"I don't want to cause a scene, ever, it just makes my life harder."

Blackwood said she was in a window seat and apologized to the man sitting beside her.

"The flight attendant came back up to me again and told me that if I couldn't control my child, they would ask me to leave the plane," she said.

"I didn't really know what she meant by 'control my child.' I mean, he's not an animal, you can't sedate children."

"I had him in my lap and he was screaming, he was loud, but I had him in my lap and I was holding on to him."

Blackwood said her son cried for about seven minutes and fell asleep as they were taxiing on the runway. But before takeoff, the plane returned to the gate.

Blackwood said when they got to the gate, an airline representative asked her to leave the flight.

"At this point I was in tears but I just said, 'OK,'" she said.

"I woke up my son up and as I was leaving there were a few passengers that stood up and said, 'This is ridiculous, I can't believe you're doing this to her.'"

"I actually had one lady on the flight gather some emails for me of the other passengers, and while she was doing that they also threatened to kick her off the plane."

SkyWest said the airline made the decision to remove Blackwood and her child from the flight "based solely on safety concerns."

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CRIMINAL CASES

Lilo finally boots probation to the curb

For the first time in nearly eight years, Lindsay Lohan is not on probation.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mark Young on Thursday ended Lohan's probation in a reckless driving case, closing the last of a series of L.A. criminal cases that have dogged the actress for years.

Young said he reviewed community service logs and determined Lohan, 28,

completed her sentence. He praised Lohan's attorney, Shawn Holley, telling her she did an excellent job getting the actress to complete the hours in recent weeks.

Unlike many previous proceedings in her criminal cases, Lohan was not present for the hearing.

Resolving the reckless driving case was not without its hiccups — Lohan missed a deadline last year

to complete her community service, and a prosecutor criticized her efforts, noting she was given credit for meeting fans of a London stage play and other questionable activities. A judge earlier this year ordered Lohan to redo 125 hours of service.

Over the years, the actress was briefly jailed five times and sentenced to rehab for a variety of vio-

lations ranging from failing to perform her community service to skipping counselling sessions.

Since 2007, Lohan was convicted in three cases — a drunken driving and drug case, a theft case filed over a stolen necklace, and a reckless driving case.

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THE WORD FROM THE BIRD

DOCUMENTARY

Caroll Spinney talks about being Big Bird for almost half a century



Richard Crouse
Metro|Life

Big Bird is, arguably, one of the best-known characters on the planet but how much do we really know about him? We know he's yellow, eight feet two inches tall, and lives in a large nest behind 123 Sesame Street — but the rest is murky.

A new documentary, *I Am Big Bird*, exposes Caroll Spinney, the man who has spent 45 years beneath the Muppet's felt and feathers and knows the bird better than anyone. Spinney is Big Bird and Big Bird is Spinney.

1 Muppet mastermind Jim Henson created Big Bird, but Spinney says, "I was given a lot of freedom to create the kind of guy he is. He's a person like I was as a kid, except he doesn't get pushed around as much."

"I was the smallest boy in my class so there is a lot of satisfaction playing the largest character who's ever been on television."

"To be loved like a little child but be eight-feet-two, what a strange accomplishment."

2 Caroll's relationship with Big Bird lasted longer than his first marriage, which blew up because his then-wife was "embarrassed" by his career choice,

but Spinney calls his job "a dream come true."

"From the moment I first became aware of television I knew I wanted to be on TV regularly for children. So many of the things that have happened for me have been things I dreamed of doing."

As for retiring?
"I can't imagine it," he says. "It keeps me young."

3 Underneath Big Bird's feathers is a device called "an electric bra" strapped to Spinney's chest so he can see what's happening outside the feathers. "We call it that just as a joke," says Spinney.

"It's really a TV monitor, a tiny little television set. We have a new one now, an LED monitor and it is too big. It takes up room and it is robbing me of space for the scripts inside."

4 Caroll is President Obama's ninth cousin, but Big Bird isn't political in the least.

"Big Bird, I'm told by the owners of him, does not have political opinions. I thought of an idea that would get around that problem if someone (ever asked about it). 'I don't know who that is,' he says in Big's voice. 'I thought we had a king.' In most fairy tales, lands are run by kings or queens."

5 NASA invited Big Bird to be a passenger on the doomed Space Shuttle Challenger to get kids interested in the space program.

"I said, 'Yes, I'd love to go.' About a month later they found out there was no place on the craft to put Big Bird. I realized it would be dangerous, but who could picture what actually happened?"



Caroll Spinney, left, and Muppet costume designer Kermit Love take a break on the set of the *Muppet Movie* in 1978. CONTRIBUTED



Big Bird has worked with plenty of talent over the years, including Janelle Monáe. CONTRIBUTED

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Idaho's Weiser River Trail

UNITED STATES

Small towns, apple trees, and pastures await cyclists

No matter how speedily things are moving in the outside world, the pace is slow and steady on central Idaho's Weiser River Trail, a converted rail bed in one of this state's most beautiful areas.

The trail takes travellers through forest, orchards, ranchland, and then, in the southern portion, through spectacular sagebrush canyons with black lava cliffs.

Visitors can cycle along the trail, starting at the upper end, about 600 vertical metres above the endpoint in Weiser. (Heading in the other direction would be an uphill journey.)

The Pacific & Idaho Northern railroad company, or P&IN, blazed the trail through the landscape around the turn of the 19th century, reaching the small town of Council in 1901, according to a recent history of the area by Dale Fisk, the editor of the local Adams County Record newspaper.

The railroad was built to take travellers between the city of Boise and the small towns of Weiser, Midvale, Council and Cambridge.



Bicycle bridges populate the Weiser River Trail in central Idaho. ANNE WALLACE ALLEN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Days it will take recreational cyclists to ride the entire Weiser River Trail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It carried Gold Rush fortune-hunters up to the mountains, and brought copper ore from the mountain's mines back to the city.

Things are a little quieter on the trail these days. Union Pacific deeded the right-of-way

to the non-profit group Friends of the Weiser River Trail in August 1997, and the Friends have worked hard to maintain the rail bed for runners, walkers,

hunters and bikers.

The upper end of the trail starts off on an unmarked dirt road just off Highway 95 near the small town of New Meadows. It quickly enters the woods, passing over streams on exquisite trestle bridges that have been remade for bicyclists. The trail passes by the Tamarack Lumber Mill and its colossal log yard before heading away from the road.

Riding the Weiser River Trail is serene, but it isn't easy. The Friends group uses a mechanical roller to flatten the terrain, but they can't pave it;

not only do they not have the money, but some of their most fervent supporters ride horses on it. So for bikers, the terrain is packed dirt, soft enough to slow progress, and is occasionally studded with rocks. Cattle gates cause frequent stops.

But the beauty and surprises of travelling so far from roads more than make up for the labour of riding the bumps. Around Fruitvale, overloaded apple trees lined the trail. A local man who was collecting apples said the trees were from Fruitvale's days as a minor orchard area.

The trail also passes unexpectedly through a tidy water-bottling operation housed in stone buildings owned by Whole Foods, the grocery store chain.

The enticing thing about the trail is it travels to places few people ever get to see, through river valleys that look almost untouched by humans, through cattle pastures where the animals and green trees appear recently washed by the rain. It also runs deep into Owyhee canyonlands, where birds of prey, elk, mule deer and bear shelter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IF YOU GO

Length:

• The trail is a 137-kilometre route that begins near New Meadows, Idaho, near Highway 95, and ends at Weiser.

Get there:

• The southern point of the trail, in Weiser, is about 120 kilometres north of Boise, Idaho's capital city.

• For information about being dropped off with bicycles at the top of the trail, contact the Colonial Motel in Weiser, at 208-549-0150 or 866-420-2143, or colonialmotel.us/.

• The Colonial Motel owners provide friendly shuttle service and great advice. Or get in touch with the volunteers who maintain the Weiser River Trail at weiserivertrail.org/ for advice on where to stay and how to travel the trail.

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• In Cambridge: Mundo Hot Springs and RV Park, idaho-rv.blogspot.com/, has tent sites, a hostel, and a sparkling geothermal swimming pool. Call 208-257-3849 or 208-907-2401. Dogs are welcome.

• In Council: Elkhorn Bed & Breakfast, elkhornbnb.com, is a pet-friendly (including mules and horses) environment. Call 208-741-2071.

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SCOTLAND

Golf's birthplace will keep golfers busy



From the Open Championship in St. Andrews to a new golf festival near Edinburgh, Scotland offers more reasons than ever for a return to the birthplace of the game.

With more than 550 courses — including many of the world's iconic seaside links — Scotland has always over-

whelmed golfers with choices. But this year the birthplace of the game appears determined to outdo itself.

From the Scottish and Open Championships to an inaugural golf festival, Scotland's calendar is filled with events aimed at fuelling a golf tourism industry that generates revenues of more than \$358 million annually.

First up among the headline attractions is the Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open, July 9 to 12. Played at

Gullane Golf Club, a classic links near Edinburgh, the tournament grows more popular and attracts a stronger field every year. In 2013, Phil Mickelson used his victory in the event as a springboard to an even more magnificent performance the following week in capturing the Open Championship at Muirfield.

The Open, golf's oldest and most prestigious tourney, returns for the 29th time to what many believe is its natural home, the Old Course in

St. Andrews.

Golf's greatest players will do battle July 16 to 19 in a historic seaside town where the game has been played for more than 550 years. As recognizably Scottish as the kilt and sporran, St. Andrews is a starkly beautiful tumble of sandstone buildings blackened with age and cathedral spires that thrust like medieval pikes into the sky.

Looming at cliff-top are the picturesque ruins of St. Andrews Castle.

The University of St. An-

draws, founded in 1413 and the oldest and most prestigious university in Scotland, dominates the downtown. And at the town's heart is the Old Course, a links shaped more by Mother Nature than man and a first glimpse of heaven for everyone who loves the game.

Among this year's Open highlights will be the farewell appearances of past champions Tom Watson and Sir Nick Faldo after 38 and 37 Open Championships respectively.

Rounding out the golf sea-

son is the inaugural Scotland's Golf Coast Festival, Oct. 18 to 25. Held in the picturesque and golf-rich district of East Lothian, just outside Edinburgh, the festival includes a three-day amateur tourney open to players of all handicaps, as well as an invitation to play historic nine-hole Musselburgh Links with old-style hickory clubs.

Generally recognized as the oldest golf course in the world, Musselburgh Links hosted the Open Championship six times between 1874 and 1889.

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EUROPEAN CASTLES TRAVELLERS SHOULDN'T MISS



ON THE MOVE

Loren
Christie

It may be not be an actual medical diagnosis, but travellers to Europe often complain of castle fatigue. The best prescription is to avoid the crowds and hype and visit hidden gems.

2 Château d'Angers

Château d'Angers was founded in the ninth century and expanded to its current size in the 13th century. In the heart of Angers, France, this austere castle is surrounded by a massive moat with deer living in it and is home to the oldest and largest collection of medieval tapestries in the world. The 14th-century Apocalypse Tapestry is considered one of France's priceless treasures.



PETER REMUS



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4 Paleis Het Loo

Paleis Het Loo, in the Dutch town of Apeldoorn, is a former royal residence occupied for three centuries by the royal family of the Netherlands. The interior is full of royal artifacts, starting with the palace's first inhabitants, Willem III, stadholder-king, and Queen Mary II of England. It is fascinating as it was only recently vacated and turned into a museum. The 17th-century gardens are reminiscent of Versailles.



PETER REMUS

1 Eltz Castle

The 850-year-old Eltz Castle is one of only two castles in Germany that were never damaged by war. Sitting on a steep rock in a hidden wooded valley close to the Moselle river, the castle is adorned with 15th-century murals and original furniture. Take note of the carved rose above the doorway in the dining room; the rose of silence ensured anything said in the room would be kept in confidence.



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3 State Castle and Chateau Český Krumlov

The State Castle and Chateau Český Krumlov, three hours south of Prague in the Czech Republic, is on UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage Monuments list. Erected on a rock promontory over the Vltava river, the massive complex consists of 40 buildings and palaces situated around five castle courts and a park spanning seven hectares. Take the castle's self-guided audio tour and then head into the town below for a cup of mead at the Two Marys pub and restaurant.

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FIFA VOTE

Canada Soccer will vote against Blatter

Canada will not vote for beleaguered incumbent Sepp Blatter in Friday's presidential vote at the FIFA Congress.

Victor Montagliani, president of the Canadian Soccer Association, says Canada will cast its ballot for the only other candidate — Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan.

Montagliani says Canada cannot support the current political leadership of FIFA.

"The organization needs a definite change, a refresh," Montagliani told The Canadian Press from Zurich. "And I think we need to govern the game in a better way."

"And this is also a comment to the FIFA Executive Committee. It's not just about one person. The game deserves better. Period."

Montagliani said the decision not to support Blatter was finalized at a Canadian Soccer Association board meeting Thursday.

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Victor Montagliani
GETTY IMAGES

'What everyone plays for'

NHL PLAYOFFS

Ducks-Hawks to settle score on Game 7 weekend

Someday the Anaheim Ducks and the Chicago Blackhawks will relish the stories they'll be able to tell about playing in a post-season series as good as these Western Conference finals.

Not just now, though. They've still got to determine whether this tale has a happy ending or a brutal punchline.

Two weeks of extraordinarily high-level hockey conclude Saturday night at Honda Center when the Ducks and the Blackhawks play Game 7 for the Campbell Bowl and a trip to the Stanley Cup final. They've traded victories for six tense games across the past two weeks, playing six overtime periods and four one-goal games.

Both teams used Thursday for travel and mental preparation for the big finish after Chicago staved off elimination with a 5-2 victory in Game 6.

The teams also did a bit of reflection on what's shaping up as a conference final as memorable as Chicago's seven-game epic with the Los Angeles Kings last spring.

"It's for sure the most exciting series I've ever been a part of personally," said Ducks defenceman Francois Beauchemin, a Stanley Cup champion with 96 games of NHL playoff experience.

The games have mostly been



The Ducks and Blackhawks will meet one last time on Saturday night in Anaheim to decide their epic Western Conference final. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

close, but they've also been extremely well-played. Anaheim's deep, balanced lineup has wrestled Chicago's star-powered roster to a virtual stalemate through six games, with the Blackhawks winning two of the three overtime contests to avoid large series deficits.

"We play for these big games," said Chicago forward Marcus Kruger, whose goal ended Game 2 in triple overtime. "You never get tired of hockey. That's what everyone plays for."

It's been a spellbinding spec-

tacle for fans and players alike, particularly in those overtime thrillers — even if the coaches aren't having quite the same experience.

"I can't feel it, quite frankly," Anaheim coach Bruce Boudreau said. "I've asked people, 'Is this a good series? Is it entertaining?' You're caught up in the moment of winning and losing. People say it's unbelievable, but we look at it as a little different right now. It might be something you appreciate one way or another in six months or in

the future."

The Ducks might feel a bit more pressure than the Blackhawks on home ice, and not just because they controlled long stretches of the series and got painfully close to finishing it in those overtime games.

They also have a daunting bit of recent history to overcome: The Ducks have blown a 3-2 series lead and lost a Game 7 at home in each of the past two post-seasons, and they're one loss from doing it again.

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IN MANHATTAN



The legend of Madison Square Garden doesn't intimidate the Tampa Bay Lightning. Neither does the Rangers' recent streak of Game 7 wins there.

"It's still the same game, still the same measurements of any other rink," defenceman Victor Hedman said.

The Rangers have played a Game 7 four times at MSG dating back to 2012, and won 2-1 each time.

"We haven't been a part of that history, so it doesn't affect us," Lightning head coach Jon Cooper said Wednesday.

"I guess you look back and it's an impressive feat to see what they've done. But they haven't done it against our group and our team, and we've got a pretty young, confident group."

Tampa Bay went 3-1 at Madison Square Garden this season and has two victories in three tries so far in the Eastern Conference final. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Stampeders begin Grey Cup defence



Grey Cup MVP Bo Levi Mitchell signed a contract extension with the Stampeders during the off-season. JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

CFL

Just two teams have repeated as champs in last 20 years

History has shown winning the Grey Cup is no easy task, but it's nowhere near as challenging as trying to hold on to it.

Since 1996, only the Toronto Argonauts (1996-97) and Montreal Alouettes (2009-10) have repeated as CFL champions. That's not exactly good news for John Hufnagel and the Calgary Stampeders, who won the 2014 Grey Cup with a thrilling 20-16 win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in Vancouver.

Calgary will look to buck that trend starting Sunday when



Right now, on paper, I'm comfortable with the depth and competition.

John Hufnagel

+ BLUE BOMBERS PREVIEW

A last-place finish spoiled Winnipeg's return to the West Division last year — it had been in the East from 2006-13.

The Bombers opened with a 5-1 record under rookie head coach Mike O'Shea but won just twice more the rest of the way.

GM Kyle Walters re-signed

quarterback Drew Willy before dipping into free agency for receivers Darvin Adams and Jordan Reaves, the son of former Bombers running back Willard Reaves, offensive linemen Stanley Bryant and Marc Dile and Canadian linebacker Sam Hurl.

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CFL training camps open. And Hufnagel says the Stampeders fully understand the difficulty of the task before them.

"I think something we have (is) a great understanding of the difficulty of the task," Hufnagel, Calgary's head coach and GM, told reporters recently. "Everyone's goal is to win the Grey Cup, our goal is to repeat."

"We just have to keep a level head, make sure we're working as hard as we can getting ready to play good football each and every week. The biggest thing is to meet your first goal, which is to get into the tournament. Once you get into the tournament, do some damage."

Calgary will open camp with many of the faces who led it to a CFL-best 15-3 record last season. Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, the Grey Cup MVP, returns after signing a contract extension this off-season while running back Jon Cornish, the league MVP in 2013, chases a fourth straight league rushing title.

But Calgary has holes, especially on its offensive line with the departure of centre Brett Jones and tackle Stanley Bryant. Jones, the CFL's top lineman last year, signed as a free agent with the NFL's New York Giants while Bryant joined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers this off-season. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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RECIPE Beef Hoisin Mini Meatballs



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Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 13 minutes

Ingredients

- Meatballs
- 8 oz extra-lean ground beef
 - 3 Tbsp dry bread crumbs
 - 2 Tbsp hoisin sauce
 - 1 tsp crushed garlic
 - 1 egg
 - 2 Tbsp minced green onion
- Sauce
- 1/3 cup hoisin sauce
 - 1/3 cup red currant jelly
 - 1 tsp crushed garlic
 - 1/2 tsp minced fresh ginger
 - 2 Tbsp water
- Garnish
- 2 Tbsp chopped green onion
 - 2 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro

Directions

1. For the meatballs, combine the beef, bread crumbs, hoisin sauce, garlic, egg and onion. Form into 20 to 24 meatballs, about one inch in diameter.
2. Spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking oil and add the meatballs. Cook over medium-high heat for three minutes, turning until browned on all sides.
3. For the sauce, combine the hoisin sauce, jelly, garlic, ginger and water in a small bowl. Add to the meatballs and stir well. Cover and simmer on low heat for 10 minutes.
4. Serve garnished.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 6)

- Calories 150
- Protein 8.1 g
- Total fat 4.2 g

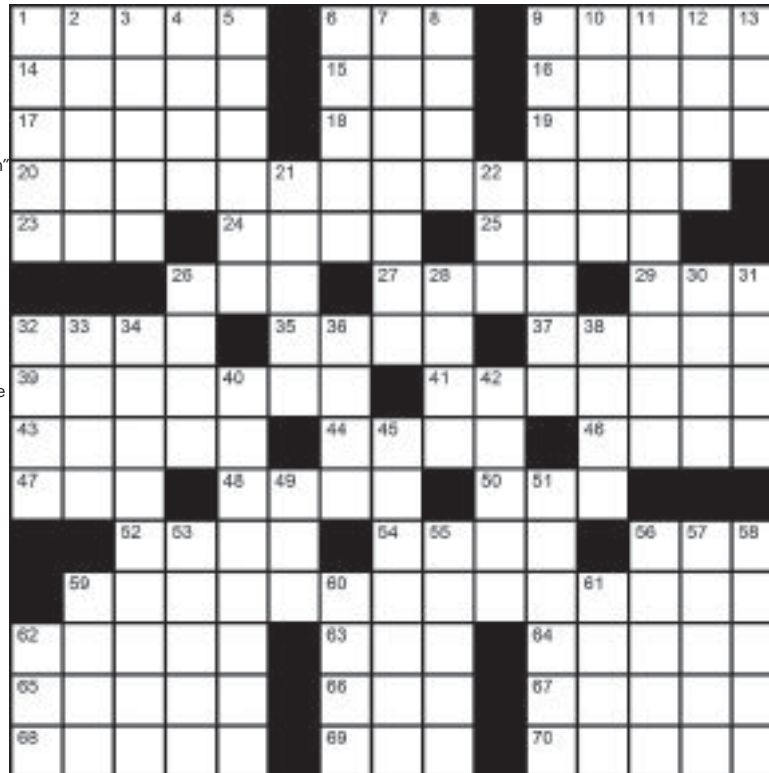
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Burdens
6. "Oy!"
9. Cavalry weapon
14. Go faster: 2 wds.
15. Montreal airport code
16. "As Sure as the Sun" singer Ms. Holcomb
17. Spatial
18. ___ Cool (Green Day drummer)
19. A Lesson from ___ (Athol Fugard play)
20. 1984 Culture Club chart-topper: 2 wds.
23. 'Insist' suffix
24. "___ So Cold" by The Rolling Stones
25. Word's history [abbr.]
26. Vitality
27. "Thanks, ___ you one."
29. Some univ. degrees
32. Simon Cowell's entertainment company
35. ___ amazing job (Perform well)
37. Prefix to 'saurus' (Plated-back dino)
39. Canadian jewelry store founded in 1919
41. Alberta hamlet bringing to mind Toronto's province when written out
43. "It's ___ Paper Moon"
44. Money ___ object
46. "___ Rhythm"
47. Blood-sucker, when doubled
48. Decorative table-



- top piece
50. Actor Mr. Knight, et al.
52. "The Beverly Hillbillies" star, Max ___ Jr.
54. Entr'___ (Theatre break)
56. Collagen target
59. Getting ready, having tea and toast, catching the

- bus.... 2 wds.
62. Dieter's lost amount
63. Music Dr.
64. Cake creator
65. High nest, variantly
66. Some batteries
67. Overwork
68. Rattan furniture maker

69. Driving distances [abbr.]
70. Baseball inning

DOWN

1. "My Side" Canadian rapper
2. Aired again
3. Fend off
4. Island of the Marianas

5. 1984 Tom Hanks/Daryl Hannah movie
6. Village in northwestern Alberta
7. Combo continent
8. Original matter, in Cosmology
9. Canadian dairy products brand
10. Between-buildings-spot

11. Business channel coming to Canada
12. Zippo ...mais en francais
13. poet mr. cummings'
21. Scold
22. "That's gross!"
26. Use the Xerox
28. ___ empty stomach: 2 wds.
30. Currency exchange fee
31. Chimneysweep's swept stuff
32. Fleck
33. Cravings
34. Winnie-the-Pooh: Lieutenant Harry ___ V.S. (Canadian veterinarian who gave the bear 'Winnipeg' to the London Zoo in WWI)
36. Medical condition suffix
38. Mai ___ (Cocktails)
40. Air freshener scent
42. Fingers-crossed ticket
45. Canadian distiller, Joseph E. ___ (b.1841 - d.1919)
49. Tycoon Mr. 'O'
51. Sandwich sort
53. Mr. Schwarzenegger, to fans
55. Salad green
56. Equate
57. Torpid
58. City in Australia
59. Canadian stage actress Ms. O'Connell
60. Fargo, ___
61. Tony Danza sitcom
62. Bench press muscle, briefly

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ **Aries** March 21 - April 20
Although you always look so self-assured, you have doubts just like everyone else and some of them could get serious today. Your best course of action is to carry on as if you don't have a care in the world.

♉ **Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Focus on what comes easy and resist calls to get involved in things you know little about. You are at your best when in control, while others may say that is boring you really don't mind. Boring pays the bills.

♊ **Gemini** May 22 - June 21
You will get some good news today. Actually, the news itself may be nothing special but it will confirm that your recent worries were groundless — as, deep down, you always knew.

♊ **Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Reality is overrated at times and the planets suggest your fantasies will be a lot of fun over the next few days. Try to remember that not everyone shares your tastes.

♊ **Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't complain too loudly if a friend plays a trick on you today — they are only getting back at you for the many tricks you have played on them. It's all in good fun, so don't be afraid to laugh at yourself.

♊ **Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
No matter how clever you think you are if you try to fool someone in a position of power today they will find out and you will be the one who suffers. Neptune's influence on your ruler Mercury is highly deceptive.

♊ **Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Some people you get along with naturally, while others you cannot bring yourself to like no matter what. One of the latter variety will try to earn your friendship today. You're not having it.

♊ **Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can, if you make the effort, accomplish a lot today but the planets indicate you will prefer to take it easy and let things drift. There's no point pushing yourself if you don't feel like it.

♊ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may find it hard to put your feelings into words today — but your body language will say it all. Loved ones can sense you need some TLC and will go out of their way to give it.

♊ **Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Certain habits are hard to break but if you tackle them one at a time there is no reason you shouldn't be successful. When getting rid of a bad habit it helps if you have a good one to take its place.

♊ **Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Opinions won't be in short supply today but the only advice you need is what your conscience tells you. Ignore what others say and do what you think is right.

♊ **Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
Anxiety you should have conquered long ago will make its presence felt today — this time you must deal with it. Face it head-on rather than trying to avoid it.

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